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**DON DEGABRIELLE SWORN IN AS UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – Donald J. DeGabrielle, Jr. was formally sworn in today as the twenty-first Presidentially-appointed United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas by Chief United States District Judge Hayden Head. As the presidentially appointed United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, Mr. DeGabrielle is the chief law enforcement officer responsible for prosecuting and defending the interests of the United States in the sixth largest district in the nation.

President George W. Bush nominated Mr. DeGabrielle to serve as United States Attorney for this district on February 13, 2006, on the recommendation of United States Senators John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison. The full Senate unanimously confirmed his appointment on March 13, 2006.

Following the ceremony, Mr. DeGabrielle expressed his gratitude to President Bush, Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, and Attorney General Gonzales, and said, "I am honored to serve as the chief law enforcement officer for this district and to direct the dedicated attorneys and staff of this office, who work tirelessly representing the interests of the United States in matters impacting our vast and unique district."

Mr. DeGabrielle brings a wide range of qualifications and 24 years of federal law enforcement experience to his new position. In January 2002, Mr. DeGabrielle was appointed by former Southern District of Texas United States Attorney Michael Shelby to serve as his First Assistant United States Attorney, responsible for the supervision of the attorneys and support staff and the overall management of one of the nation's busiest criminal, civil and appellate dockets.

Don began his career as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Houston headquarters office of the Southern District of Texas in 1986. During his 20-year career as a federal prosecutor, Mr. DeGabrielle has prosecuted a varied array of significant federal cases including those involving public corruption, white collar crime, bank fraud, violent crime, and organized crimes involving immigration and narcotics violations, which have prompted numerous commendations and recognition of his outstanding and superior performance from the Department of Justice. Cognizant of his experience and accomplishments, the Department of Justice has called upon Mr. DeGabrielle to share his legal knowledge and expertise not only as

an instructor for investigative agencies, attorneys, and judges, but as the Resident Legal Advisor to South African National Directorate of Public Prosecutions.

Mr. DeGabrielle began his law enforcement career as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 1979 assigned to the New Orleans and New York City offices. In 1982, he began his career as a prosecutor as an Assistant District Attorney, ultimately achieving the rank of Chief of Trials, in the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office in New Orleans, Louisiana. After three years, before returning to federal service as a prosecutor with this office in 1986, Mr. DeGabrielle practiced privately for a short period of time as an associate attorney with an admiralty law firm in New Orleans.

A native of Lake Charles, Louisiana, Mr. DeGabrielle graduated from LaGrange High School in 1971 and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in humanities from McNeese State University in Lake Charles in 1975. He received a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Louisiana State University Law Center in 1978. Mr. DeGabrielle is the son of Jackie Rosenthal of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and the late Donald J. DeGabrielle, Sr.

The Southern District of Texas is the sixth largest office in the nation, with an allocated staff of more than 150 attorneys, a like number of litigation support personnel, and an annual budget of over \$25 million. With headquarters in Houston, the Southern District of Texas staffs an additional five (5) South Texas offices in Victoria, Corpus Christi, Brownsville, McAllen and Laredo, with Assistant United States Attorneys representing the United States in both criminal and civil matters before the United States District Courts.

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